

South Carolina Broadband Technology and Communications Study Committee

105 Gressette Building
Columbia, South Carolina
Tuesday, December 12, 2007

Minutes

Members Present: Senator Luke A. Rankin, Chairman; Robert Barlow; Moss Bresnahan; James Bryant, PhD.; Janet Claggett, Ted Creech; Nanette Edwards, Esq.; David Goble; Miriam Hair; Senator Brad Hutto; Kaye Koonce, Esq.; Representative Dwight Loftis; Neil Mellen; Representative Phil Owens; and Gary Pennington, Esq.

Staff Present: Nancy Coombs

The Chairman called the meeting to order at approximately 10:30 a.m.

Dr. Don Lackland spoke on behalf of the American Heart Association and the American Stroke Association about the benefits of wireless broadband technology to heart and stroke patients, particularly with respect to timely transmission to emergency personnel.

Ms. Joanne Wilson, an expert in the telecommunications industry, specializing in wireless standards, regulatory, and market access issues, provided technical information to the Committee regarding spectrum-related issues associated with the deployment of broadband wireless access service.

Mr. Moss Bresnahan spoke to the Committee about the value of ETV's spectrum licenses and the benefits of WiMAX technology.

Dr. Jim Bryant introduced Mr. Regan Voit who provided information to the Committee on "Personal Pathways to Success: A New Vision for Education," a program established by the Education and Economic Development Act of 2005.

Mr. Bill Byrd offered comments on spectrum issues and recommended that the State construct a wireless broadband network to serve governmental agencies using the 2.5 GHz spectrum.

The Chairman announced that the next meeting of the Study Committee would be January 9, 2008, at a time to be decided.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 1:40 p.m.